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News Release

Wildfire Survivors FEMA Center Open in Los Angeles County

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – A FEMA Mobile Registration Intake Center will be open for three days, Friday-Sunday, Nov. 6-8, in Pearblossom, Calif., to assist Bobcat Fire survivors in Los Angeles County.

The center is located near the basketball court at Pearblossom Park, 33922 121st St E, Pearblossom, CA 93553. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

It offers survivors support with recovery information as part of the ongoing wildfire response and recovery mission for FEMA and the State of California.

Survivors can register with FEMA for federal aid in one of three ways:

- Online at <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>;
- By downloading the <u>FEMA app</u> to a smartphone or tablet; or
- By calling the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 (TTY 800-462-7585) between 7 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. PST. Those who use a relay service such as a videophone, Innocaption or CapTel, should provide FEMA with the specific number assigned to that service when they register.
- The helpline staff can also answer questions about applications already submitted.

Registration enables FEMA to determine residents' eligibility for financial awards that may help pay for rent, home repair, home replacement or other serious disaster-related needs, such as childcare, transportation or medical, funeral or dental expenses. Deadline to register is Dec. 16.

Survivors are reminded that after they are registered they should be sure to keep FEMA informed if their addresses or phone numbers change so that they may receive timely assistance. This information may be updated by calling the FEMA Helpline or by using their personal online accounts that they created when they registered on the website or with the <u>FEMA app</u>. To create an online account on <u>DisasterAssistance.gov</u>, click the blue Create Account button at the bottom of the page and follow the instructions.

For the latest information on wildfire recovery, visit https://www.fema.gov/disaster/4569 and follow the FEMA Region 9 Twitter account at https://twitter.com/femaregion9.

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All FEMA disaster assistance will be provided without discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex (including sexual harassment), religion, national origin, age, disability, limited English proficiency,

economic status, or retaliation. If you believe your civil rights are being violated, call 800-621-3362 or 800-462-7585(TTY/TDD).

FEMA's mission: Helping people before, during, and after disasters.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is the federal government's primary source of money for the long-term rebuilding of disaster-damaged private property. SBA helps businesses of all sizes, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters fund repairs or rebuilding efforts and cover the cost of replacing lost or disaster-damaged personal property.

For more information, applicants may contact SBA's Disaster Assistance Customer Service Center at 800-659-2955. TTY users may also call 800-877-8339. Applicants may also email <u>disastercustomerservice@sba.gov</u> or visit SBA at <u>SBA.gov/disaster</u>.